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1. The Ministry of Agriculture (Prague II, Tesnov, #65) may undergo a few organizational changes in 1954. One of these will, in all probability, be the creation of a Main Administration of State Farms. In fact, a decision of the Party and the Government, dated 1 October 1953, ordered the state farms to be incorporated into the Ministry of Agriculture; but this decision did not stipulate a particular date. There had been no unification in the internal administration of the former Ministry of State Farms and the Ministry of Agriculture as of November 1953 and there did not seem to be any tendency to begin carrying out this unification. Following the decision of October 1953 which abolished the Ministry of State Farms, two deputies to the Minister of Agriculture were appointed; one of them dealt with activities proper to the Ministry itself, and the other dealt with those activities which had been the concern of the liquidated Ministry of State Farms. In October 1953, the publication of a combined, monthly summary of the activities of the Ministry of Agriculture itself and the activities of the state farms was introduced. The administration of the state farms was excluded from the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture in October 1952; the change actually occurred in January 1953.
2. Another possible change in 1954 will concern the Accounting Office of the Government Installations, Group Z. It is probable that the administration of some of the government installations will be done away with and others transferred into the budget administrations of the various regions.
3. A third change in the organization of the Ministry of Agriculture during 1954 may occur in the Department for Agricultural Constructions. This department, which was established in May 1953 as a temporary office, was planned to be the Government Institute for Agricultural

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Constructions (Statni stavebni zemedelsky ustav). The proposed task of the Institute was to draw up plans for agricultural constructions. Pending the creation of the Government Institute for Agricultural Constructions, these activities were performed partly by the Department for Agricultural Constructions and partly by the Agricultural Construction Enterprises, National Enterprise, which was being abolished.

4. Main administrations (Hlavni aprava), as offices for the administration of individual, special agricultural activities, were created in January 1953. In general, the main administrations, which were on the same level as departments and directly subordinate to the Minister, were established for those fields where the Ministry controlled various agricultural installations (governmental and others). The departments (Odbor) of the Ministry, on the other hand, performed the activities which dealt with the Ministry itself.
5. The Central Office of Agricultural Mechanization, National Enterprise, (Ustredi zemedelske mechanisace -- UMEZ) was abolished in May 1953. Most of its duties were transferred to the new Main Administration of Tractor and Machinery Pools and also to other main administrations.
6. A Chief Accountant of the Ministry was appointed in September 1953. He was on the same administrative level as the departments and the main administrations and was directly subordinate to the Minister. A Chief Accountant was assigned to every government office. The office of Chief Accountant as the highest monetary control (following the strict Soviet pattern) was also subordinate to the Ministry of State Control and could act independently of the minister but had to consult him.
7. The present (November 1953) organization of the Ministry of Agriculture is a purposelessly centralized body. (This corresponds to the Soviet pattern.) The internal setup was unwieldy with many non-specialists who were clearly political appointees. There were only 912 positions in the Ministry of Agriculture but there were about 1,060 employees.
8. The Ministry of Agriculture was organized (November 1953) as follows:

Minister of Agriculture

Deputy Minister (in charge of the former Ministry of State Farms)

Deputy Minister

Minister's Cabinet

Secretary
Control Branch
Branch for Special Functions

Teletype
Secret Protocol

Dept. for Agricultural Constructions

Cadre Department

Cadre Branch
Personnel Branch
Labor & Wage Branch
Employee Compensation & Safety

Finance Dept.

Budget Branch
Finance Branch
Investment Branch

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Internal Administration
Transportation
Mail Room
Maintenance
Buildings Administration

Chief Accountant

Chief Accounting Office

Methods & Systems Branch
Revisions Branch
Periodic Survey & Reports

Chief Accountant of the Main Administration of Tractor
& Machinery Pools

Chief Accountant of the Main Administration of Agriculture
Production

Chief Budget Accountant

Accounting Office of the Government Administration
Group E

Salary Branch
Accounting & Finance Branch
Control Branch
Agriculture College in Prague
Agriculture College in Brno
Scientific Veterinary Institute in Prague, branch in
Brno
Czechoslovak Academy of Agricultural Science
Agricultural Constructions Office
Czechoslovak Hunting Union

Accounting Office of the Government Installations
Group Z

Balance Branch
Methods & Systems Branch
Revisions Branch
Artificial Fertilizer Regional Offices
Experimental Farms for Research Institute
Horse Breeding Institute
Agriculture School Farms
Agriculture Youth Centers

Chief Accountant of the Main Administration of Research

Chief Accountant of the Main Administration of Technical
Material Supply

Chief Accountant of the Main Administration of State Farms

Chief Accountant of the Ministry in Charge of Agriculture
(Hlavní účetní povereníctva podohospodarstva)

Main Administration of Agricultural Production

Administration of Animal Husbandry

Horse Breeding
Cattle Breeding
Livestock & Poultry
Game
Fodder & Silage

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Administration of Plant Production

Cereal Grain
Crop Farming
Seedling & Slip Planting
Crop Protection

Administration of Artificial Fertilizers

Administration of Veterinary Medicine

Main Administration of Materials Supply

Finance Branch

Supply Branch

Planning Branch

Main Administration of Farm Cooperatives

Organizational Branch

Recreation Branch

Agricultural Planning Branch

Soil Enrichment Branch

Main Administration of Agriculture Schools

Finance Branch

Agriculture Colleges

Training Branch

Investment Branch

Main Administration of Research & Publicity

Organization of Research

Finance Branch

Printing & Lettering

Exhibition Branch

Film Branch

Photography Branch

Broadcast Branch

Main Administration of Tractor & Machinery Pools

Machinery Branch

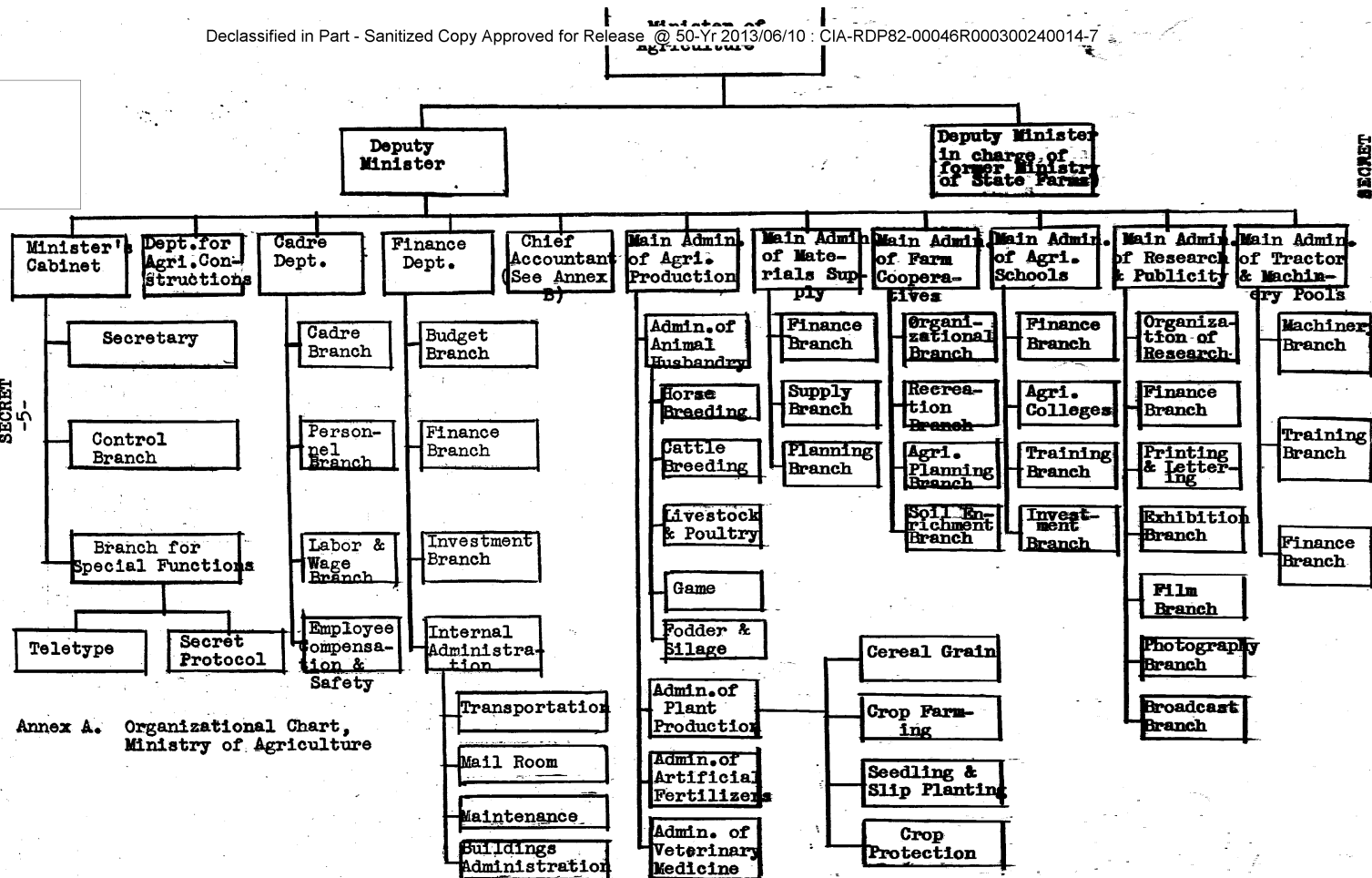
Training Branch

Finance Branch

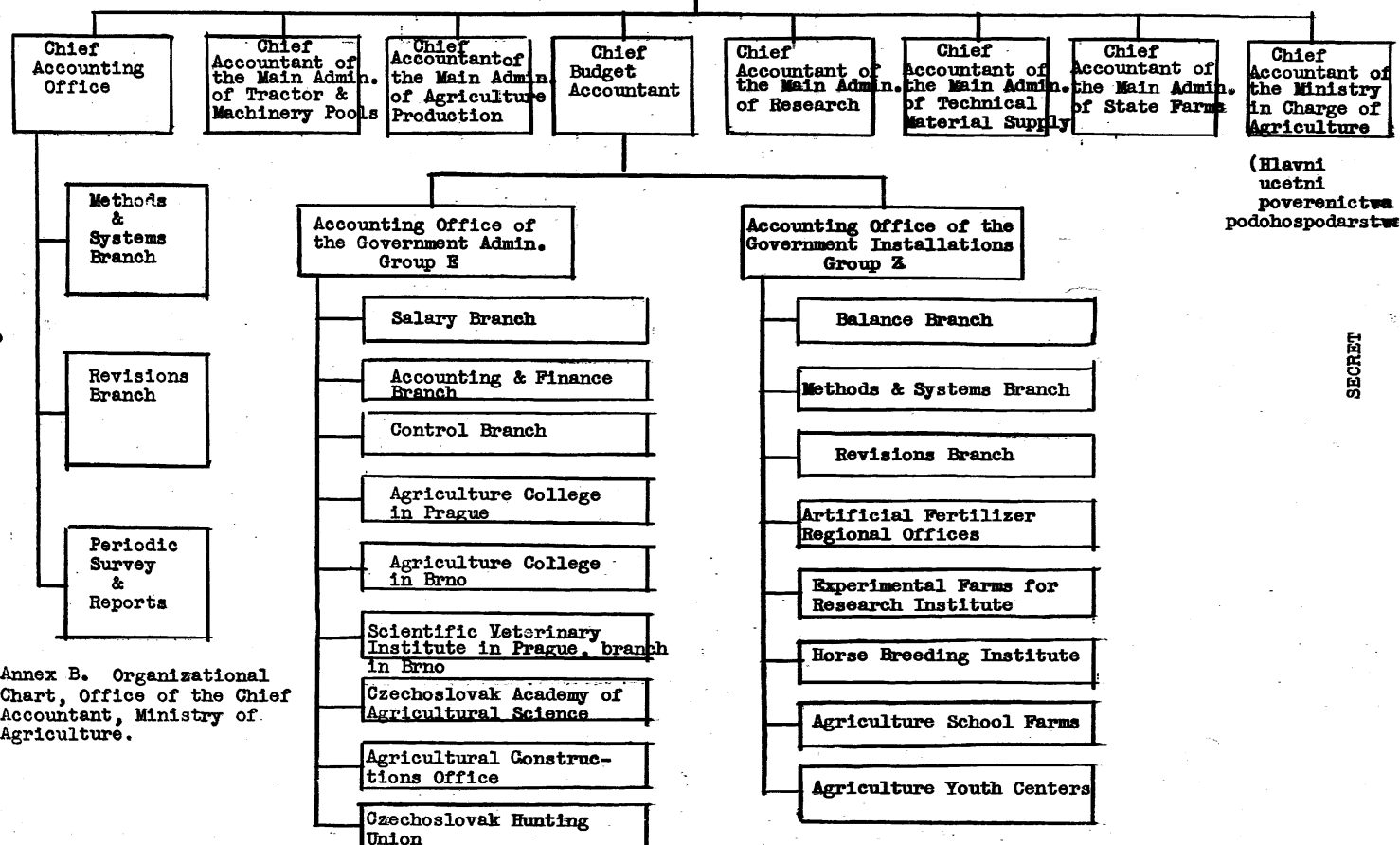
Annexes: A. Organizational Chart of the Ministry of Agriculture.

B. Organizational Chart, Office of Chief Accountant, Ministry of Agriculture.

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Annex B. Organizational Chart, Office of the Chief Accountant, Ministry of Agriculture.